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Report from Cebu—Plague death—Mortality among rats in December, 1904.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Fox reports, January 15, as follows:

A case of bubonic plague died here yesterday. The organism was found in stained preparations made from the femoral glands, which on the right side were enlarged and hemorrhagic.

This case is interesting, from the fact that it was taken from a house where, as well as in the two adjoining houses, about the middle of December, 1904, a good many dead rats were found. They continued to die for a week or 10 days, and after that no more were discovered; and from the fact that the mortality seemed to be limited to these few houses it was thought that they had probably been poisoned.

I tried to get some of these dead rats to send to Manila for examination, but those found after I learned of the circumstances were all in an advanced stage of decomposition and were immediately disposed of by the occupants of the houses.

PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce—Vital statistics.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Torres reports, February 24, as follows:

Vital statistics of the city of Ponce for the month of January, 1905.

Diseases of—		Diseases of—	
Digestive system	16	Nephritis	2
Nervous system	12	Tetanus	6
Circulatory system	7	Puerperal fever	3
Respiratory system	24	Metritis	6
Malarial fever	7	Old age	2
Tuberculosis	16	Syphilis	1
Hydremia	6	Rhachitis	2
Anæmia	7	Hepatitis	4
Cancer	3	Enteric fever	2
Congenital malformation	3	Without official data	26
Grippe	9		
Accidents	2	Total	156
January, 1904:			
Deaths			147
Births			79
January, 1905:			
Deaths			156
Births			80

FOREIGN AND INSULAR STATISTICAL REPORTS OF COUNTRIES AND CITIES—YEARLY AND MONTHLY.

AFRICA—*Sierra Leone*.—Two weeks ended February 3, 1905. Estimated population, 50,000. Total number of deaths, 40. No deaths from contagious diseases.

BAHAMAS—*Dunmore Town*.—Two weeks ended February 17, 1905. Estimated population, 1,232. Two deaths. No contagious diseases.

Governors Harbor.—Week ended February 18, 1905. Estimated population, 1,500. No deaths and no contagious diseases.